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This book uses primary sources and personal experience in the Chinese school system to examine the evolution of non-governmental schools in China between 1895 and 1995. The book gives an overview of private education in pre-modern China, and discusses the growth of modern private schools in the past century as part of the Chinese people's struggle for national survival. Even though the Chinese government has placed a premium on education, sparse educational resources have caused private schools to have to fill the gap; and it is private education in the 1950's that spearheaded China's educational reform. The book is divided into the following chapters: (1) "Private Education in Pre-Modern China"; (2) "Private Schools in Early Modern China"; (3) "Non-Governmental Schools in the Nationalist Era"; (4) "Ups and Downs of Mission Schools"; (5) "Demise of the 'Sili' and Rise of the 'Minban'"; and (6) "Resurgence of Private Schools in Post-Mao China." Contains a glossary, a selected bibliography, and tables of data. (BT)

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